

# **EXHIBIT A**

<b>United States Bankruptcy Court/Southern District of New York</b> Lehman Brothers Holdings Claims Processing Center c/o Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC FDR Station, P.O. Box 5076 New York, NY 10150-5076		<b>PROOF OF CLAIM</b>	
In Re: Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., et al. Debtors.	Chapter 11 Case No. 08-13555 (JMP) (Jointly Administered)	UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1000092413	
Name of Debtor Against Which Claim is Held Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.	Case No. of Debtor 08-13555 (JMP)		
<b>NOTE:</b> This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative expense arising after the commencement of the case. A request for payment of an administrative expense may be filed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503. Additionally, this form should not be used to make a claim for Lehman Programs Securities (See definition on reverse side.)		<b>THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY</b>	
Name and address of Creditor: (and name and address where notices should be sent if different from Creditor)  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">                         Caspian Capital Partners, L.P.                          c/o Mariner Investment Group, LLC                          500 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 101                          Harrison, New York 10528                     </div> <div style="width: 45%;">                         With a copy to:                          Mariner Investment Group, LLC                          500 Mamaroneck Avenue                          Harrison, New York 10528                          Attention: John Kelty                          Tel: (914) 798-4200                          Email: jkelty@marinercapital.com                     </div> </div>		<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that this claim amends a previously filed claim.  <b>Court Claim Number:</b> _____ (If known)  <b>Filed on:</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.  <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are the debtor or trustee in this case.
Telephone number: _____	Email Address: _____		
Name and address where payment should be sent (if different from above)			
Telephone number: _____	Email Address: _____		
<b>1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed:</b> \$ <u>Not less than \$2,002,581.95</u> If all or part of your claim is secured, complete Item 4 below; however, if all of your claim is unsecured, do not complete item 4. If all or part of your claim is entitled to priority, complete Item 5. If all or part of your claim qualifies as an Administrative Expense under 11 U.S.C. §503(b)(9), complete Item 6.		<b>5. Amount of Claim Entitled to Priority under 11 U.S.C. §507(a).</b> If any portion of your claim falls in one of the following categories, check the box and state the amount.  Specify the priority of the claim:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if all or part of your claim is based on a Derivative Contract.* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if all or part of your claim is based on a Guarantee.* <b>*IF YOUR CLAIM IS BASED ON AMOUNTS OWED PURSUANT TO EITHER A DERIVATIVE CONTRACT OR A GUARANTEE OF A DEBTOR, YOU MUST ALSO LOG ON TO <a href="http://www.lehman-claims.com">http://www.lehman-claims.com</a> AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS TO COMPLETE THE APPLICABLE QUESTIONNAIRE AND UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION OR YOUR CLAIM WILL BE DISALLOWED.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of interest or additional charges. Attach itemized statement of interest or charges to this form or on <a href="http://www.lehman-claims.com">http://www.lehman-claims.com</a> if claim is based on a Derivative Contract or Guarantee.		<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic support obligations under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B). <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries or commissions (up to \$10,950), earned within 180 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5). <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$2,425 of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(____).	
<b>2. Basis for Claim:</b> Guarantee and Derivative Contract (See instruction #2 on reverse side.)		<b>Amount entitled to priority:</b>  \$ _____	
<b>3. Last four digits of any number by which creditor identifies debtor:</b> <u>1007MAR5</u> <b>3a. Debtor may have scheduled account as:</b> <u>Mariner Investment Group a/c Caspian Capital Partners</u> (See instruction #3a on reverse side.)		<b>FOR COURT USE ONLY</b>	
<b>4. Secured Claim</b> (See instruction #4 on reverse side.) Check the appropriate box if your claim is secured by a lien on property or a right of setoff and provide the requested information. Nature of property or right of setoff: <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other  Describe: _____  Value of Property: \$ _____ Annual Interest Rate _____ % Amount of arrearage and other charges as of time case filed included in secured claim, if any: \$ _____ Basis for perfection: _____  Amount of Secured Claim: \$ _____ Amount Unsecured: \$ _____		<b>6. Amount of Claim that qualifies as an Administrative Expense under 11 U.S.C. §503(b)(9):</b> \$ _____ (See instruction #6 on reverse side.)	
<b>7. Credits:</b> The amount of all <b>8. Documents:</b> Attach redacted orders, invoices, itemized statement. Attach redacted copies of documents on reverse side. If the document DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available		Filing this proof of claim. Story notes, purchase security agreements. definition of "redacted"  ROYED AFTER	
Date: <u>9/18/2009</u>		Signature: The person filing this claim must sign it. Sign and print name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim and state address and telephone number if different from the notice address above. Attach copy of power of attorney, if any. BY: <u>MARINER INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC</u> <u>AS INVESTMENT MANAGER</u>	
Signature: <u>John C. Kelty</u> <b>Authorized Signatory</b>		<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>FILED / RECEIVED</b>   <b>SEP 21 2009</b>   <b>EPIQ BANKRUPTCY SOLUTIONS, LLC</b> </div>	

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

*The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy cases not filed voluntarily by the debtor, there may be exceptions to these general rules.*

### Items to be completed in Proof of Claim form

#### Name of Debtor, and Case Number:

YOU MUST INDICATE THE SPECIFIC DEBTOR AGAINST WHICH YOUR CLAIM IS ASSERTED, INCLUDING THE NAME OF THE DEBTOR AND THE RELATED CASE NUMBER (DEBTORS AND CASE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW), IN THE SPACE ALLOTTED AT THE TOP OF THE CLAIM FORM.

08-13555	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.	08-13905	CES Aviation LLC
08-13600	LB 745 LLC	08-13906	CES Aviation V LLC
08-13885	Lehman Brothers Commodity Services Inc.	08-13907	CES Aviation IX LLC
08-13888	Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc.	08-13908	East Dover Limited
08-13893	Lehman Brothers OTC Derivatives Inc.	09-10108	Luxembourg Residential Properties Loan Finance S.a.r.l.
08-13899	Lehman Brothers Derivative Products Inc.	09-10137	BNC Mortgage LLC
08-13900	Lehman Commercial Paper Inc.	09-10558	Structured Asset Securities Corporation
08-13901	Lehman Brothers Commercial Corporation	09-10560	LB Rose Ranch LLC
08-13902	Lehman Brothers Financial Products Inc.	09-12516	LB 2080 Kalakaua Owners LLC
08-13904	Lehman Scottish Finance L.P.	08-13664	PAMI Statler Arms LLC

If your Claim is against multiple Debtors, complete a separate form for each Debtor.

#### Creditor's Name and Address:

Fill in the name of the person or entity asserting a claim and the name and address of the person who should receive notices issued during the bankruptcy case. A separate space is provided for the payment address if it differs from the notice address. The creditor has a continuing obligation to keep the court informed of its current address. See Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g).

#### 1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed:

State the total amount owed to the creditor on the date of the Bankruptcy filing. Follow the instructions concerning whether to complete items 4, 5 and 6. Check the box if interest or other charges are included in the claim.

#### 2. Basis for Claim:

State the type of debt or how it was incurred. Examples include goods sold, money loaned, services performed, personal injury/wrongful death, car loan, mortgage note, and credit card.

#### 3. Last Four Digits of Any Number by Which Creditor Identifies Debtor:

State only the last four digits of the debtor's account or other number used by the creditor to identify the debtor.

#### 3a. Debtor May Have Scheduled Account As:

Use this space to report a change in the creditor's name, a transferred claim, or any other information that clarifies a difference between this proof of claim and the claim as scheduled by the debtor.

#### 4. Secured Claim:

Check the appropriate box and provide the requested information if the claim is fully or partially secured. Skip this section if the claim is entirely unsecured. (See DEFINITIONS, below.) State the type and the value of property that secures the claim, attach copies of lien documentation, and state annual interest rate and the amount past due on the claim as of the date of the bankruptcy filing.

#### 5. Amount of Claim Entitled to Priority Under 11 U.S.C. §507(a).

If any portion of your claim falls in one or more of the listed categories, check the appropriate box(es) and state the amount entitled to priority. (See DEFINITIONS, below.) A claim may be partly priority and partly non-priority. For example, in some of the categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

#### 6. Amount of Claim that qualifies as an Administrative Expense under 11 U.S.C. §503(b)(9)

State the value of any goods received by the debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement in which the goods have been sold to the debtor in the ordinary course of the debtor's business.

#### 7. Credits:

An authorized signature on this proof of claim serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

#### 8. Documents:

Attach to this proof of claim form redacted copies documenting the existence of the debt and of any lien securing the debt. You may also attach a summary. You must also attach copies of documents that evidence perfection of any security interest. You may also attach a summary. FRBP 3001(c) and (d). Do not send original documents, as attachments may be destroyed after scanning.

#### Date and Signature:

The person filing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011. If the claim is filed electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2), authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what constitutes a signature. Print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim. State the filer's address and telephone number if it differs from the address given on the top of the form for purposes of receiving notices. Attach a complete copy of any power of attorney. Criminal penalties apply for making a false statement on a proof of claim.

## DEFINITIONS

#### Debtor

A debtor is the person, corporation, or other entity that has filed a bankruptcy case.

#### Creditor

A creditor is the person, corporation, or other entity owed a debt by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing.

#### Claim

A claim is the creditor's right to receive payment on a debt that was owed by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. See 11 U.S.C. §101 (5). A claim may be secured or unsecured.

#### Proof of Claim

A proof of claim is a form used by the creditor to indicate the amount of the debt owed by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. The creditor must file the form with the Claims Agent at the following address:  
Lehman Brothers Holdings Claims Processing  
c/o Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC  
FDR Station, PO Box 5076  
New York, NY 10150- 5076

#### Secured Claim Under 11 U.S.C. §506(a)

A secured claim is one backed by a lien on property of the debtor. The claim is secured so long as the creditor has the right to be paid from the property prior to other creditors. The amount of the secured claim cannot exceed the value of the property. Any amount owed to the creditor in excess of the value of the property is an unsecured claim. Examples of liens on property include a mortgage on real estate or a security interest in a car. A lien may be voluntarily granted by a debtor or may be obtained through a court proceeding. In some states, a court judgment is a lien. A claim also may be secured if the creditor owes the debtor money (has a right to setoff).

#### Unsecured Claim

An unsecured claim is one that does not meet the requirements of a secured claim. A claim may be partly unsecured if the amount of the claim exceeds the value of the property on which the creditor has a lien.

#### Claim Entitled to Priority Under 11 U.S.C. §507(a)

Priority claims are certain categories of unsecured Claims that are paid from the available money or property in a bankruptcy case before other unsecured claims.

#### Redacted

A document has been redacted when the person filing it has masked, edited out, or otherwise deleted, certain information. A creditor should redact and use only the last four digits of any social-security, individual's tax identification, or financial-account number, all but the initials of a minor's name and only the year of any person's date of birth.

#### Evidence of Perfection

Evidence of perfection may include a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document showing that the lien has been filed or recorded.

#### Derivative Contract

A contract that is any of (i) a "swap agreement" as such term is defined in section 101(53B) of the Bankruptcy Code or (ii) a "forward contract" as such term is defined in section 101(25) of the Bankruptcy Code. A cash-market purchase or sale of a security or loan (i.e. any purchase or sale of a security or loan for settlement within the standard settlement cycle for the relevant market), exchange-traded future or option, securities loan transaction, repurchase agreement in respect of securities or loans, and any guarantee or reimbursement obligations which would otherwise be included in the definition of such terms in the Bankruptcy Code shall not be considered a Derivative Contract for the purposes of this definition nor shall any notes, bonds, or other securities issued by the Debtors or their affiliates (including, but not limited to, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., Lehman Brothers Treasury Co. B.V., Lehman Brothers Bankhaus AG, Lehman Brothers Holdings plc, Lehman Brothers Securities N.V., and Lehman Brothers (Luxembourg) Equity Finance S.A.).

#### Guarantee

A promise, representation or agreement to answer for the payment of some debt or the performance of some duty in case of the failure of another person or entity who is liable in the first instance.

#### Lehman Programs Securities

Lehman Programs Securities means those securities included on the Lehman Programs Securities list available on <http://www.lehman-docket.com> as of July 27, 2009.

## INFORMATION

#### Acknowledgment of Filing of Claim

To receive acknowledgment of your filing, you may either enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and a copy of this proof of claim, or you may access the Claims Agent's system (<http://www.lehman-docket.com>) to view your filed proof of claim.

#### Offers to Purchase a Claim

Certain entities are in the business of purchasing claims for an amount less than the face value of the claims. One or more of these entities may contact the creditor and offer to purchase the claim. Some of the written communications from these entities may easily be confused with official court documentation or communications from the debtor. These entities do not represent the bankruptcy court or the debtor. The creditor has no obligation to sell its claim. However, if the creditor decides to sell its claim, any transfer of such claim is subject to FRBP 3001(e), any applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*), and any applicable orders of the bankruptcy court.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., et al.,	)	
	)	Case No. 08-13555 (JMP)
Debtors.	)	
	)	Jointly Administered
	)	
In re:	)	Chapter 11
	)	
Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc.,	)	Case No. 08-13888 (JMP)
	)	
Debtor.	)	
	)	

**ATTACHMENT TO PROOF OF CLAIM FILED BY**  
**CASPIAN CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.**

1. This attachment is submitted with and incorporated as part of the proof of claim (the "Claim") filed by Caspian Capital Partners, L.P. (the "Fund" or "Claimant") against Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI") and Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. ("LBSF," and together with LBHI, the "Debtors").

2. On September 15, 2008, LBHI filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court"), and, on October 3, 2008, LBSF filed its voluntary chapter 11 bankruptcy petition under the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court. The Debtors' bankruptcy cases are being jointly administered.

3. The Claim against the Debtors is for (i) amounts owed by LBSF to the Fund under that certain ISDA Master Agreement dated as of May 17, 2007 between the Fund and LBSF, including that certain Schedule to ISDA Master Agreement and the Credit Support Annex

thereto, in each case dated as of May 17, 2007 between the Fund and LBSF, as supplemented by each Confirmation thereunder (collectively, the "Master Agreement"), and (ii) amounts owed by LBHI in connection with that certain Guarantee dated as of May 17, 2007, by LBHI in favor of the Fund (the "Guarantee"), pursuant to which LBHI unconditionally guaranteed the due and punctual payment of all amounts owed by LBSF under the Master Agreement.

4. Pursuant to the Order of the Bankruptcy Court dated July 2, 2009 (Docket No. 4271), because the Claim is based on amounts owed by the Debtors to Claimant pursuant to a Derivative Contract and a Guarantee, Claimant is not required to attach supporting documentation to the Claim. Claimant incorporates herein by reference the Derivative Questionnaire (including any amendments thereof), the Guarantee Questionnaire (including any amendments thereof) and all other documents that have been or will be submitted by Claimant in connection with the Claim against the Debtors. Copies of the Master Agreement and other supporting documentation will be electronically uploaded to the website <http://www.lehman-claims.com> in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Derivative Questionnaire and the Guarantee Questionnaire. In addition, supporting documentation that is in the possession of the Claimant is either (i) too voluminous to attach hereto and/or (ii) confidential, and may be obtained by contacting the persons set forth below.

5. Claimant asserts its claim in the liquidated amount of not less than \$2,002,581.95 in connection with amounts owed by Debtors to Claimant under the Master Agreement and the Guarantee. Additional damages asserted pursuant to this Claim are presently unliquidated, and Claimant reserves its rights to amend this Claim, as necessary, to assert any and all amounts as they become liquidated, including for principal, interest, fees and expenses. Claimant additionally claims for the costs, fees and expenses incurred in enforcing its rights under the

Master Agreement and the Guarantee, together with pre-petition and post-petition interest, fees, costs and other charges, to the extent provided for at law or in equity. Such amounts are presently unliquidated.

6. In addition to the foregoing amount, Claimant also asserts a claim hereunder for all direct, indirect, nominal or consequential damages and other amounts owed or owing to Claimant pursuant to the Master Agreement, Guarantee or otherwise, whether or not liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured.

7. Claimant reserves the right to amend, supplement or modify this Claim at any time. In addition, Claimant reserves its rights to file additional or other pleadings to assert any of the amounts set forth in the Claim or any amendments thereto, including, without limitation, any postpetition administrative expenses pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, including sections 503 and 507 thereof.

8. To the extent the Debtors assert claims against Claimant, Claimant reserves the right to assert that such claims are subject to rights of setoff and/or recoupment, which rights are treated as secured claims under the Bankruptcy Code, and state and federal laws of similar import as well as in equity.

9. To the extent that the Debtors or any other party take any action that would give rise to a counterclaim or other rights or claims Claimant may have against the Debtors, Claimant reserves all of its respective rights.

10. In addition, with the filing of this Claim, Claimant does not waive any of its rights to claim specific assets or any other rights or rights of action that Claimant has or may have against the Debtors, and Claimant expressly reserves such rights.

11. By filing this Claim, Claimant does not waive, and specifically reserves, its respective procedural and substantive defenses to any claim that may be asserted against it by the Debtors, by any trustee of its estates, by any official committee, or by any other party.

12. Claimant reserves all rights accruing to it against the Debtors, and the filing of this Claim is not intended to be, and shall not be construed as, an election of remedy or a waiver or limitation of any rights of Claimant.

13. Claimant reserves the right to withdraw this Claim for any reason whatsoever.

14. Claimant reserves all rights against any other entity, including, without limitation, non-debtor affiliates of the Debtors.

15. The filing of the Claim is not and shall not be deemed or construed as: (i) a waiver, release or limitation of Claimant's rights against any person, entity, or property (including, without limitation, the Debtor or any other person or entity that is or may become a debtor in a case pending in this Court); (ii) a consent by Claimant to the jurisdiction or venue of this Court or any other court with respect to proceedings, if any, commenced in any case against or otherwise involving Claimant; (iii) a waiver, release or limitation of Claimant's right to trial by jury in this Court or any other court in any proceeding as to any and all matters so triable herein, whether or not the same be designated legal or private rights or in any case, controversy, or proceeding related hereto, notwithstanding the designation or not of such matters as "core proceedings" pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and whether such jury trial right is pursuant to statute or the United States Constitution; (iv) a consent by Claimant to a jury trial in this Court or any other court in any proceeding as to any and all matters so triable herein or in any case, controversy, or proceeding related hereto, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(e) or otherwise; (v) a waiver, release or limitation of Claimant's right to have any and all final orders in any and all

non-core matters or proceedings entered only after de novo review by a United States District Court Judge; (vi) a waiver of Claimant's right to move to withdraw the reference with respect to the subject matter of the Proof of Claim, any objection thereto or other proceeding which may be commenced in this case against or otherwise involving Claimant; (vii) an election of remedies; (viii) a consent by Claimant to the termination of the Debtor's liability to Claimant by a particular court, including, without limitation, this Court; or (ix) a consent by Claimant to the final determination or adjudication of any claim or right pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(c).

16. Supporting documentation and all matters concerning this Claim should be addressed to:

Caspian Capital Partners, L.P.  
c/o Mariner Investment Group, LLC  
500 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 101  
Harrison, New York 10528  
Attention: John Kelty  
Tel: (914) 798-4200  
Email: [jkelty@marinercapital.com](mailto:jkelty@marinercapital.com)

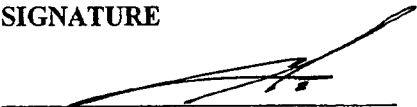
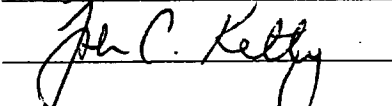


**MARINER INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC**

**INCUMBENCY CERTIFICATE**

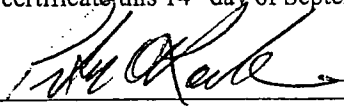
The undersigned, General Counsel of Mariner Investment Group, LLC (the "**Company**"), hereby certifies as follows:

1. That he is the duly elected, qualified and acting General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Company and is charged with maintaining the records and minutes of the Company.
2. That pursuant to the Company's Operating Agreement, as amended, the following named persons were designated and appointed to the offices indicated below, and that said persons do continue to hold such offices at this time, and the signature set forth opposite the names are genuine signatures.

NAME	SIGNATURE	TITLE
Charles R. Howe II		President and Secretary
John Kelty		Authorized Signatory

3. That pursuant to the Company's Operating Agreement, as amended, and certain resolutions adopted by the Company, each person designated to serve in the above-entitled capacities was given sufficient authority to act on behalf of and to bind the Company with respect to any and all transactions and that the execution by said person of documents constitute a legally binding and enforceable obligation of the Company.
4. That pursuant to the Company's Operating Agreement, as amended, the undersigned has the power and authority to execute this certificate on behalf of the Company, and that he has so executed this certificate this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

Signature:

  
Peter J. O'Rourke  
General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

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